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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to create the
- 2 Behavior Health Redesign Review Task Force; and to
- 3 declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Governor shall appoint a task force known
2 as the Behavior Health Redesign Review Task Force to study the
3 behavior health redesign of the health and human services system.
4 The task force will examine the results of the redesign including
5 the effectiveness of the delivery of services to persons with
6 mental illness or addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance.
7 The task force shall utilize, as beneficial, the information and
8 the report submitted by the Laws 1998 LB1354 task force. The
9 Behavior Health Redesign Review Task Force shall confer with the
10 Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the
11 State Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council to exchange
12 information regarding persons, programs, and policies impacted by
13 the redesign. The Behavior Health Redesign Review Task Force shall
14 have access to all information regarding the redesign from the
15 health and human services system. Any confidential information
16 regarding patients may be coded in such a way to maintain privacy.
17 The Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of
18 Health and Human Services Finance and Support, and the Department
19 of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure shall provide
20 necessary staff to the task force. The task force shall be
21 appointed by the Governor and shall include (1) one member each
22 representing each of the regional centers, (2) a psychologist, (3)
23 a consumer of health and human services systems services or his or
24 her family members, (4) a representative of a mental health
25 advocacy organization, (5) a member of each mental health region,
26 (6) a psychiatrist that has experience with the treatment of severe
27 and persistent mental illness, (7) a mental health provider with
28 experience in dual diagnosis treatment, (8) two representatives

1 from county mental health boards, and (9) two at-large members.
2 The task force shall issue a report of its findings and
3 recommendations to the Governor, the Clerk of the Legislature, the
4 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and
5 the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the
6 Legislature no later than January 1, 2000. The task force
7 terminates on January 1, 2000.

8 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
9 when passed and approved according to law.